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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/722,929	RYND ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Stephen J. Lechert Jr.	1732	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 May 2003.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) 1-20 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 26 November 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>6-1-04,5-19-05</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |



DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

- 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:**
 - I. Claims 1-17, drawn to a method of making a rigid foam, classified in class 264, subclass various.**
 - II. Claims 18-20, drawn to a rigid foam, classified in class 428, subclass 317.9.**
- 2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:**

Inventions II and I are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case, the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product such as one having an average cell size less than 60 microns.

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3. During a telephone conversation with Maria C. Gasaway on 05/18/2005 a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-17. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 18-20 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

5. Claims 18-20 have been withdrawn from further consideration.

Action on the merits of claims 1-17 follows:

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being

anticipated by Loh et al.

Loh et al. teach preparing a polymer melt incorporating nanoparticles into the melt, incorporating a blowing agent into the melt, extruding the polymer melt and cooling the foamed product formed.[Note Column 1, lines 17, 50; Column 2, line 51; Column 4, Paragraph 3 and 5, Column 6, lines 5, 23 and 29-30; See Table 2 and Claim 1]

8. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee et al.

Lee et al. teach preparing a polymer melt incorporating nanoparticles into the melt, incorporating a blowing agent into the

**melt, extruding the polymer melt and cooling the foamed product
formed. [Note Column 2, lines 30-35 and 42-50; Column 5, lines 54-67]**

**9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier
communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen J.
Lechert Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-1203. The examiner
can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.**

**If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful,
the examiner's supervisor, Michael P. Colaianni can be reached on
571-272-1196. The fax phone number for the organization where this
application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.**

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